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NEW RATION CARDS ISSUED; FACTORIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION

ISSUE CARDS FOR GUARANTEED SUPPLY -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 15 Jan 51

The Ministry of Commerce recently issued a new decree on industrial -consumer ration cards for the guaranteed supply and on coupons for commerce at tied prices. The ration cards will include the basic IR, IG, and ID ration cards, as well as the auxiliary VP-1 and VP-2 ration cards. These ration cards are valid for purchases in retail stores.

The certificates for commerce at tied prices can be used for purchasing goods on the free market in retail stores at a reduction.

The following are included in the IR ration-card category: blue- and whitecollar workers, apprentices, members of trade and processing cooperatives, disabled war veterans, disabled workers, scientists, artists, retired persons, secondary-school students over 14 years of age, trade school students, and regular students.

The following are included in the IG-ration-card categorgy: workers in the trades, members of the free professions (physicians, dentists, dental technicians lawyers, and midwives), priests, holders of family disability pensions (immediate family of a disabled person), family of a retired person, persons who are financially dependent, disabled persons, women with two or more children under 14, and family members of persons who are entitled to the guaranteed supply, not including children. The ID ration-card category includes children up to 14 years, of age. The V-1 ration-card category includes pregnant women after the seventh month of pregnancy. Layettes for new born children may be bought with these ration cards. The VP-2 ration-card category includes pregnant women after the fifth month of pregnancy and disabled war veterans. The latter may purchase orthopedic equipment on these cards.

The decree on ration cards will be in effect as of 15 January 1951.

The following retail items will be sold freely, at fixed prices: tobacco and tobacco products, matches, salt, kerosene, and layettes.

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The Minister of Commerce, in agreement with the Minister of Finance, issued a decree lowering guaranteed-supply food prices. The new lowered uniform prices are: 270 dinars for 100 kilograms of wheat, sold at wholesale prices, 245 dinars for corn, 255 dinars for rye, 700 dinars for wheat flour, 355 dinars for 90-percent wheat flour (5 kilograms of white flour have been milled from each 100 kilograms of whole wheat flour), 440 dinars for 80-percent wheat flour, 335 dinars for 76-percent rye flour, 320 dinars for 90-percent corn flour, 700 dinars for wheat grits, and 370 dinars for corn grits.

For one kilogram of each of the following, the new prices are: 3.50 dinars for bread made of wheat and corn, sold at retail prices, 4 dinars for bread made of 30-percent wheat flour (5 kilograms of white flour have been milled from each 100 kilograms of whole wheat flour), 6 dinars for bread made of 80-percent wheat flour, 4 dinars for bread made of 76-percent rye flour, 20 dinars for fancy bakery goods, 15 dinars for macaroni made of flour, 11 dinars for macaroni made of 80-percent flour, 10 dinars for macaroni made of 80-percent flour minus 10-percent white flour, 32 dinars for edible oil (not including olive oil), 35 dinars for lard, 20 dinars for granulated sugar, 22 dinars for cube sugar, 3.50 dinars dinars for potatoes, 7-10 dinars for beans, 8.50 dinars for unshelled peas, 12.50 dinars for shelled peas, and 15 dinars for rice. For one liter of milk, the new price is 6 dinars.

Prices of the following items will be lowered 30 percent: smoked pork products, salami, crackling, fresh veal, pork, and mutton, but not horse meat, and dried onions. The price of horse meat will be lowered 60 percent (a kilogram will not cost 16 dinars), cookies 35-38 percent, and canned sardines 20 percent.

The new uniform prices for 20 cigarettes will range from 12 dinars for the Sava brand to 60 dinars for the Jadran brand. Twenty-five cigarettes of the Bled brand will sell for 40 dinars. The prices for cigars will range from 4 to 12 dinars each; tobacco, 300-4,000 dinars per kilogram; 50 matches, 4 dinars; table salt 10 dinars per kilogram; salt for salting fish, 4.50 dinars; salt for livestock, 5 dinars; and kerosene, 50 dinars.

DAIRY TO BE COMPLETED SOON -- Zagreb, Borba, 22 Jan 51

Sarajevo, 21 January -- Installation of machinery in the boiler room of a new dairy in Sarajevo began recently. The dairy will process 150,000 liters or milk per 24 hours. In addition to pasteurizing milk, it will process cheese, butter, sour milk, and ice cream and will supply Sarajevo with six carloads of dairy products a day.

Osijek -- A large powdered-milk factory is under construction near Osijek. Its capacity will be 45,000 liters per day. Actually, only 30,000 liters of milk will be processed there per day, while the remaining 15,000 liters will be distributed to the children and adults of Osijek every day. The factory will also process hard and soft cheeses and butter, as well as ice cream in the summer. The factory is scheduled to begin operation in mid-1951.

FOOD FACTORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Ljubljana, Ljudska Pravica, 12 Dec 50

The "Tovarna Skroba" (Starch Factory) in Zrenjanin is still under construction and will not be completed before 1952. The factory will produce various starch products and sugar from corn. The machinery for the factory is being built by the "Jedinstvo" Machine-Toll Factory in Zagreb, as well as by the milling-machine factory in Stupnik. The new factory will process 4,000 tons of raw materials per day, including corn and potatoes. One hundred kilograms of corn will yield 40 kilograms of sugar, as well as some oil. One of the silos of the factory will have a capacity of 1,500 carloads of grain, while one of its shops will have a volume of 30,000 cubic meters. The factory's power plant will produce 133 million kilowatt-hours per year.

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TO PRODUCE 5 MILLION LIGHT BULBS IN 1951 -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 12 Jan 51

According to the 1951 plan, the Yugoslav light-bulb industry is scheduled to produce 5 million ordinary and special light bulbs this year. These light bulbs will be produced by the "Tez" Light Bulb Factory in "Zagreb and the "Tesla" Factory in Pancevo.

Yugoslavia imports wolfram filament and argon. The glass factory in Paracin does not produce sufficient glass bulbs to obviate imports of these items.

The "Tez" Factory produces 15- to 1,500-watt light bulbs, flashlight bulbs, and bulbs for moving picture projectors.

MINISTER DISCUSSES COMMERCE -- Belgrade, Glas, 17 Jan 51

At a meeting of the Serbian People's Skupstina, held between 14 and 16 January 1951, Minister of Commerce and Supply Radovan Grkovic stated that the 1950 plan for retail goods turnover was fulfilled by 41,398,048,000 dinars or 102.8 percent, which is by 7.38 percent more than in 1949. The 1950 plan for the guaranteed supply was fulfilled by 89.4 percent, for commerce at tied prices by 90.98 percent, and for free sale by 102.15 percent. The total goods turnover in 1950 was larger than in 1949 by 2,847,683,000 dinars.

GIVES ESTIMATE OF 1951 FOOD PRODUCTION -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 15 Jan 51

Osman Karabegovic, chairman of the Council for Commerce, recently estimated the state farms and cooperatives throughout Yugoslavia will produce about 260,000 tons of vegetables, 34,000 tons of fruit, 7,600 tons of meat, 400,000 hectoliters of milk, 8 million eggs, and 20,000 tons of wine, brandy, etc., in 1951.

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